In the Abstract:

The invention relates to processes Processes for the production of a compound of the following formula (I)

by converting a compound of formula (II) with 2-pyrrolidone, said 2-pyrrolidone being used in excess[[,]] relative to compound (II); as well as to and processes for the production of a compound of the following formula (III). comprising the following steps:

The latter process includes preparing compound (I); <u>a</u> reduction reaction[[,]] which yields compound (III) in salt form; <u>and</u> liberating compound (III) from the salt.